

Dear JPMGC Member,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 golf season. I would like to thank you all very much for supporting JPMGC. There are significant changes coming to Jefferson Park Golf Course and JPMGC in 2018 that I would like to share with you.

Golf Course Construction

The City of Seattle is planning a golf course routing construction project. The project is expected to last a year with Holes #10, #11, #12, and #13 closed during construction. We plan on playing our tournaments with Holes #1-#9, Holes #14-#18, and then Holes #1-#4 again during the construction. Jefferson Park will play as a par 71 with a length of 6,368 yards.

Due to construction, JPMGC has added three JPMGC off-site events in 2018:

- “Road Trip to Wildhorse Resort” Pendleton, OR, date to be determined, 8:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday, 20 Players.
- “Battle at the Lake” Team Match Play Competition at Lake Spanaway, WA, date to be determined, 9:00 AM, 12 players.
- “Road Trip to Eagle’s Pride” Tacoma, WA, date to be determined, 9:00 AM, 20 players.

JPMGC Executive Board

The most significant change is that Jay Turner has stepped down from the position of President and will now be our Secretary/Treasurer. Jay has faithfully served JPMGC in various roles for over 40 years, including nearly two decades of service as President. Thank you to Jay for all that you have given and continue to give to JPMGC! We wouldn’t have a club without your efforts.

I would like to congratulate Bill Kruzner for accepted the position of Vice President. Bill will serve as both Vice President and Website Chairman in 2018. If JPMGC had an Executive Board MVP award, then Bill would have easily won it in 2017. Bill has done an amazing job updating the JPMGC website and communicating with our members. Bill enrolled JPMGC in the Washington State Golf Association “Join Now” program last year allowing people to join or renew a JPMGC membership online through the WSGA website. JPMGC has seen a dozen new members join and existing members renew their membership through the “Join Now” program.

Our “Join Now” online signup options for 2018 include the Standard Membership, Senior Membership, and Junior Membership. The paper membership form will be required to take advantage of the Early Bird, New Member Special, and Tournament Only Memberships.

Here is a [link](#) to the “Join Now” website.

Finally, I have accepted the position of President of JPMGC and will serve as President, Handicap Chairman, and Seattle Cup Captain in 2018. It is my pleasure to introduce you to the 2018 JPMGC Executive Board.

Ross Wilson – President
Bill Kruzner – Vice President
Jay Turner – Secretary/Treasurer
Nick Palewicz – Tournament Chairman
Donal Sullivan – Captains Cup Chairman
Ross Wilson – Handicap Chairman
Bill Kruzner – Website Chairman
Ross Wilson – Seattle Cup Captain

JPMGC is always searching for members interested in improving JPMGC. If you are interested, then please contact me directly at rosswilson@hotmail.com or (206) 321-7677.

JPMGC Membership

You may have noticed that JPMGC has been suffering from a slow decline in the number of members for the past decade. 2017 was exceptionally challenging for JPMGC as our total membership declined to 119 members. Due to the decline, the Executive Board is making the following changes for 2018:

- In an effort to grow JPMGC, the New Membership Special has changed for 2018. The New Membership Special is being expanded to include two new JPMGC members. The New Membership Special is now available to an existing JPMGC member plus a new JPMGC member or two new JPMGC members for \$140 (\$70 each).
- JPMGC is excited to offer tournament play to Players with a valid GHIN from another club. This Tournament Membership will NOT include PNGA/WSGA Membership or activation in the GHIN system. The Executive Board determined the price of the Tournament Membership by subtracting the PNGA/WSGA individual regular membership price from our Regular Membership price. Tournament Members are eligible to participate in all 2018 JPMGC tournaments.
- The Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) and Washington State Golf Association (WSGA) has increased the price individual regular membership by \$5 which will be reflected in our 2018 membership dues.

JPMGC Tournaments

JPMGC would like to welcome Jefferson Park's new General Manager, Mike Fosnick. Mike is a great addition to Jefferson Park and he has graciously offered to help coordinate JPMGC tournaments. JPMGC will transfer tournament management responsibilities to the Pro Shop in 2018. This change is being made to better organize tournaments, decrease time to publish tournament results and post winnings to our accounts. Tournament entry and pairing requests will now be completed through the Pro Shop. Tournament entry fees will remain at \$20 and tournament winnings will continue to be paid in Pro Shop credit. Optional side game entry fees will remain at \$10 per event with winnings paid in cash by Jay Turner at Redbird Sports.

JPMGC heard comments from our members and we kept potential conflicts in mind when developing the 2018 Tournament Schedule. New tournament additions include a 1-Man Scramble, Winter Field Day, and 5-Club Red, White, and Blue Turkey Shoot. The Club Championship has been moved to June in an effort to increase participation. In an effort to increase tournament participation, JPMGC is opening the 1-Man Scramble, Seafair 2-Man Scramble, and 2-Man Scramble to the public.

A copy of the 2018 JPMGC Membership Application with Membership Benefits and 2018 Tournament Schedule is attached. The JPMGC Executive Board is excited about the upcoming tournament season and we hope to see all of you out on the course soon.

Please note that all GHIN accounts are deactivated on February 1, 2018 and are reactivated when membership dues are received. If you have any issues with your GHIN handicap, please contact me at rossrwilson@hotmail.com or (206) 321-7677.

Sincerely,

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